

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign to celebrate and mobilize the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through community service and service-learning and the state of South Dakota depends on youth as vital community assets; and,

Whereas, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service vent in the world, the only one dedicated solely to youth engagement, and in 2010 is being observed for the 22nd consecutive year in all 50 states and for the 11th year globally in more than 100 countries; and,

Whereas, High quality community service and service-learning programs increase young people's academic engagement and achievement, workforce readiness and 21st century skills, social, emotional, and behavioral skills, and civic knowledge and engagement; and,

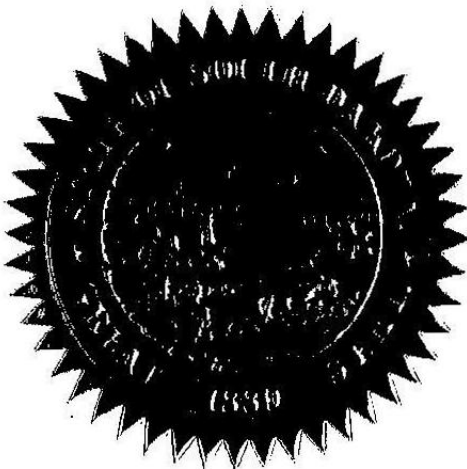
Whereas, Community service and service-learning provide opportunities for young people to apply their knowledge, idealism, energy, creativity, and unique perspectives to improve their communities by addressing a myriad of critical issues, such as health, childhood obesity, education, illiteracy, poverty, hunger, environment, climate change, violence, and natural disasters; and,

Whereas, Global Youth Service Day provides an opportunity for young children, teenagers, and young adults to position themselves as assets and resources, active citizens and community leaders and for schools community organizations, faith-based organizations, government agencies, businesses, and families to engage youth as leaders and problem solvers:

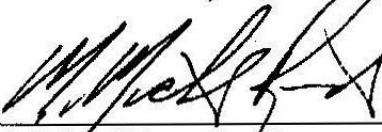
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 23-25, 2010, as

GLOBAL YOUTH DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State